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SUBJ: POLITICAL-MILITARY SITUATION

1. SITUATION AS OF 6:00 P.M. OCTOBER 1 IS AS FOLLOWS:

--TROOPS AT RADIO AND TV STUDIOS HAVE LEFT.

--COMMANDOS ARE AT RADIO RENASCENCA TRANSMITTER (RR) AND RR
IS STILL OFF THE AIR.

--ATTEMPT TO REPLACE MILITARY OCCUPYING PORTUGUESE RADIO
CLUB (RCP) STUDIOS WITH POLICE WAS THWARTED WHEN TROOPS

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AT STATION REFUSED TO LEAVE. GOP PLANNED TO BRING IN COMMANDOS

TO REPLACE REGULAR TROOPS AT RCP BUT FAR LEFT-LEANING LISBON
LIGHT ARTILLERY REGIMENT (RALIS) THREATENED TO OPPOSE WITH
ARMORED CARS. GOVERNMENT DECIDED TO AVOID CONFRONTATION AND
TROOPS WERE WITHDRAWN AND NO REPLACEMENTS SENT.

--RALIS IS REPORTEDLY AT THIS MOMENT HAVING A MEETING OF LIKE-
MINDED MILITARY UNITS IN THE LISBON AREA.

2. COMMENT: SITUATION IS TENSE BUT MURKY. GOVERNMENT, WITH
FEW LOYAL TROOPS IN LISBON AREA, IS NOT IN A CONDITION TO MAKE
RISKY MOVES. FAR LEFT AND ITS MILITARY ALLIES HAVE SO FAR NOT
TAKEN INITIATIVE EITHER, USING INSTEAD THE MENACE OF THEIR
REPUTED STRENGTH TO CARRY OUT DEFENSIVE MOVES PREVENTING FULL
IMPLEMENTATION OF GOVERNMENT'S MOVE AGAINST LEFT-LEANING RADIO
AND TELEVISION.
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